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GILA VALLEY NEWS

Items of Interest Gathered by the Guardian's Correspondents.

THATCHER

J. F. Nash made a business trip to Geronimo Saturday.

D. Dudley Jones has made a deal for the old Academy building.

County Recorder David Claridge was a visitor in town Thursday.

A. A. DeWitt, of Ft. Thomas, spent several days in Thatcher this week.

L. J. Wilkins made a business trip to Globe last Friday, returning Saturday.

Joseph Curtis, of St. David, has spent the past week in Thatcher visiting friends and relatives.

Miss Gladys DeWitt, of Sydney, Australia, arrived in Thatcher Thursday evening. She expects to make this place her home.

L. R. Pace left for his place of business in Tucson, Thursday. He drove over a bunch of horses to put on the Tucson market.

The Relief Society is preparing to build a Relief hall in the future. They expect to build a five or six thousand dollar building.

The moving picture show given Thursday evening drew the largest crowd of any of the series of shows of the kind that have been given.

Mrs. Ollie Curtis, who has been visiting for some time with her sister, Mrs. Horace Gardiner, left Monday for her home in Rexburg, Idaho.

George Simms has moved his family into part of the old Academy building, where they expect to stay until they can build a new home in Thatcher.

The regular monthly testimony meeting was held Sunday afternoon. A half dozen babies were blessed, and several testimonies were given.

Lampel Tenny and wife came in from their goat ranch and spent a few days in town this week. Mrs. Tenny is again suffering with rheumatism.

The members of the bishopric are making an official visit of the ward. Bishop Tyler is visiting the north half of town, and J. L. Wilkins is visiting the south part.

The Academy baseball club went to Safford Saturday and played a game with the Safford nine. They returned home in the evening wearing a broad smile of victory.

An athletic club has been organized in the Academy. The young men are taking a lively interest in baseball, while the young ladies are preparing to play lawn tennis and basket ball.

The Mutual Improvement Associations are making extensive preparations for a ball to be given during the holiday week. They expect to have some special features and make it the ball of the season.

The young men and young ladies conjoint meeting was held in the Academy chapel Thursday evening. The program was as follows: Talk, "The Position of the Government Toward the Apache Indians," by Viola Freeland; Comic story, by Inez Lee; Quartette, by Young Ladies' Quartette Club.

The Young Ladies Quartette club have reorganized and now have eight of the best voices in town. Its members are: Julia Ellsworth, Edna Lee, Ruth Kimball, Lola Martensen, Christy Knudsen, Blanche Kemp, Alice Phillips and Louise Lee. They are doing some splendid work, and have a supply of new music.

PIMA

Thomas Hayne was a visitor at school, Thursday.

ARIZONA LEADS

In the Production of Copper for 1908--Montana and Michigan Rank Next

The geological survey's report on the production of copper in 1908 prepared by B. S. Butler, is now ready for distribution by the director of the survey at Washington.

The mine production, smelter output and refinery production in 1908 exceeded those of 1907. The production in 1908 by smelters from copper bearing material mined in the United States was 942,570,721 pounds, the largest in the history of the industry. The production in 1906, the next largest was 917,805,882 pounds, that for 1907 was 868,896,491 pounds.

The world's production of copper in 1908 was 1,667,098,000 pounds, so that the United States contributed considerably more than half the total product of the metal.

The domestic consumption of new copper in 1908 was 480,000,000 pounds; of old copper 23,000,000 pounds, making the total domestic consumption 503,000,000 pounds, against 547,000,000 pounds in 1907.

The stock on hand January 1, 1908, was 125,745,796 pounds, on January 1, 1909, it was 121,876,759 pounds.

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CROSBY'S PAPER SOLD

Prominent Thatcher Business Men Organize Company and Purchase Plant

Crosby's Paper, formerly the Safford Journal, has changed hands once more. On January 1, 1910, it will start out on a new career with new owners composed of the leading business men of the town of Thatcher and from Pima.

It is not stated just what political faith will dominate the paper, or whether the name will be changed, but it is presumed that the paper will be democratic in politics.

All kinds of rumors have been busy circulating around Thatcher in the past few weeks, since Crosby's Paper came out in an indorsement of W. W. Pace for Arizona's first governor, when it becomes a State.

Previous to the issue which indorsed Mr. Pace for governor, it is stated that Mr. Crosby lunched with Mr. Pace and an agreement resulted over the lunch to bring out Mr. Pace for governor.

Several days after the publication of the paper, so goes the rumor, Mr. Crosby and Mr. Pace had a fallen out, and Mr. Crosby bluntly told the aspirant for gubernatorial honors, that he would change and come out with an indorsement of W. T. Webb for Arizona's first governor.

Rather than have his own nomination defeated, Mr. Pace proceeded to organize a company for the purpose of purchasing the paper, and has succeeded in doing so.

The following business men of Thatcher and Pima compose the new company: W. W. Pace, Oscar and Frank Webster and James Lee, of Thatcher; W. T. Webb, of Pima.

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STATEHOOD FOR ARIZONA

Chances for Admission This Session Considered Favorable

A dispatch from Washington, D. C., to the Daily Globe from its Washington correspondent, dated December 14th, states:

"In an interview with sixteen republican senators, including Aldrich and Beveridge, and also Speaker Cannon, of the House, and a large number of the leaders of both parties yesterday, I succeeded in obtaining considerable information as to the possibilities of statehood for Arizona. I found that all possible opposition to the admission of Arizona has been eliminated, even Senator Aldrich smiled as he answered my question as to Arizona's chances for statehood this session. I consider the chances for the creation of the new State excellent. From what I learn Arizona will make a great State. The president thinks Arizona's citizenship is equal to the best in the nation, and is enthusiastic for her admission. This, together with our party's pledge, I consider a sufficient guarantee of her admission," stated Mr. Aldrich.

This sentiment prevails in every department of the government. Marcus A. Smith is here and was in consultation with Senators Bailey, Money and several other democratic leaders today. The question of Arizona's admission was the issue discussed, but inasmuch as the meeting is still in progress I can only conjecture as to its finality. In all events the democrats will stand for the admission of the two Territories, providing nothing objectionable is put in the enabling act. However, any attempt to destroy the educational qualification of voters will be defeated."

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